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As of mid-July 1952 Chinese Communist ground force strength was as follows:

1. The regular national defense forces have a total of 2,976,000 men. The forces comprise 2,350,000 infantry troops organized into four field armies with 23 army groups, 1 70 armies and 210 divisions; 140,000 organized into 14 cavalry divisions; 160,000 organized into 16 artillery divisions; 2 80,000 organized into 8 armored divisions; and 246,000 specialized troops (engineers, chemical warfare, railway units, etc.) organized into 82 regiments.
2. Military district troops total 1,944,000 men, organized into 29 replacement training or independent divisions; 288 garrison, police or independent regiments; 3 and 1,580 battalions.
3. Public security troops total 500,000 men organized into 76 divisions. 4
4. Militia units total 13,486,000 men.

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Comment. The information, which represents statistics available to the Revolutionary Military Council, manpower figures are approximate.

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Comment. Both troop and unit figures given above are considerably higher than those in estimates available to this office. A notable omission is

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mention of the North China Field Forces. The figures appear to belong to a paper organization instead of to actual data on these forces: i.e., 10,000 troops to a division (whether cavalry, artillery, or armored); 3,000 to a regiment; 70 armies, 210 divisions. This makes the total number of troops also a paper figure.

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25X1 [] Comment. Other reports have indicated the abolishment of some of the 20 army groups now carried in available estimates.

25X1 [] Comment. The artillery units include anti-aircraft units for military districts.

25X1 [] Comment. The figure of 288 includes regiments of some brigades (1u = 2464) in the East China Military Area; each brigade has three regiments.

25X1 [] Comment. It is believed that public security forces are a police force subordinate to the Ministry of Public Security and should not be included in this military estimate.

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